

Prescribed Burn Information

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Prescribed Fire for Resource and Public Benefits

Prescribed Fire Name / Ranger District	Jordan Star Thistle Broadcast Prescribed Burn - Groveland Ranger District
General and Specific Location	<i>The Jordan Star Thistle burn is located in Township 2S, Range 17E sections 13, 14, 23 and 24 in the Jordan watershed. The proposed burn is located approximately four miles east of the community of Greeley Hill. The project is traversed by Jordan Creek and is east of Jordan Pond. Access is from Moore Creek Road to Greeley Hill Road, turning west on Jordan Creek road to the historic ranch site locally known as the Linkletter Ranch situated within a series of large continuous meadows.</i>
Projected Duration	<i>Ignition of the prescribed burn is expected June 4 through June 8 or the following week of June 11 through the 15; once ignited controlled burning is expected to continue for four to five days. Burning is contingent on air quality, weather conditions and the growing stage of Yellow Star Thistle. All burning is monitored and conducted in accordance with state and county air quality guidelines and closely coordinated with local county air quality control districts.</i>
Planned Size of Prescribed Burn	<i>Up to 200 acres may be treated with low-intensity fire. Ignition is planned for units of less acreage. Roads and natural features will be used as cut off points if the burn is not meeting the project's prescription and objectives. Size of the burn may vary with weather, as well as permissible air quality burn days.</i>
Type of Prescribed Burn	<i>The Broadcast burn is in 90 % meadow grasses infested with Yellow Star Thistle. Approximately 10% within perimeters and creek zones is mixed conifer, brush and riparian species.</i>
Burn Project Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reduce and control the presence of Yellow Star Thistle and reestablish native perennials and annual grasses.</i>• <i>Reduce the buildup of flammable forest fuels.</i>• <i>Improve ecological conditions within the Bower Cave Special Interest Area (SIA), for natural and cultural resources.</i>• <i>Improvement of wildlife habitat.</i>• <i>Manage encroachment of star thistle into large meadows.</i>
Public Benefits	<i>Controlled, or "prescribed", low-intensity fire enhances wildlife habitat, helps protect and maintain water quality and soil productivity, improves forest ecological health, and reduces the threat of uncontrolled wildfire. The Sierra Nevada is a fire-dependent ecosystem, where fire is part of natural forest processes.</i>
Resource Benefits	<i>This is the third entry of prescribed fire to much of the meadow area. Monitoring has shown success in controlling and containing the expansive populations of the noxious weeds commonly known as Yellow Star Thistle.</i>
Public Advisory	<i>This project is a planned prescribed fire (controlled burn). Please do not report as a wildland fire. Thank you for your cooperation.</i>